

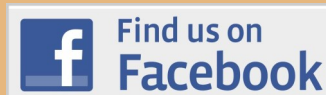


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HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER IS INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is one of the top five causes of infant mortality. SIDS claims the lives of about 2,500 infants each year in the United States. It's a frightening prospect because it can strike without warning, usually in seemingly healthy babies. Risk factors include smoking during pregnancy and tobacco smoke exposure following birth, prematurity or low birth weight, overheating from excessive sleepwear and bedding, and stomach sleeping. FACT: More male infants fall victim to SIDS than female infants. Please visit the following [link](#) for resources on SIDS.

SEPTEMBER IS NEWBORN SCREENING AWARENESS MONTH

The purpose of the newborn screening program is to detect rare but serious and potentially life-threatening disorders in babies that may otherwise appear to be healthy. The Missouri newborn screening program has been protecting infants for over 50 years. The original dried blood spot collection system, developed to screen for phenylketonuria (PKU), is still the standard used for screening today. Throughout the years, many disorders have been added to the newborn screening panel and today Missouri tests for over 70 disorders. Missouri was the first in the world to test all babies for five lysosomal storage disorders! Newborn screening is a program that is constantly growing and evolving. As technology improves, more disorders are able to be identified, and as treatments are available, more disorders will be added to the newborn screening panel. To learn more about newborn screening in Missouri, please visit <http://health.mo.gov/newbornscreening>.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

A Breast Cancer Awareness Month Social Media Toolkit from George Washington University is available by clicking [here](#). See pages 6 to 8 for sample tweets and Facebook posts for patients. This reminder brought to you by The Missouri Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the [Missouri Cancer Consortium](#).

WOMEN: TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH BOOKLET

Women: Take Charge of Your Health is a free publication with information about common health concerns for women, risk factors for disease, and ways to take charge of your health. To order a supply, please complete the [Request for Literature form](#) (stock #980). The booklet is available for viewing by clicking [here](#). For more information, please contact Stacey Lannert, Office on Women's Health at 573-526-0459 or stacey.lannert@health.mo.gov.

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- [Nebraska Ebola Experiences: Laboratory Preparedness - October 2](#)
- [2018 Annual Education Conference Planning Meeting - October 4](#)
- [MNPH Southwest Region Meeting - October 6](#)
- [Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program Upcoming Courses in October](#)
- [8th Annual Health Literacy Media and Health Literacy Kansas 2017 Summit - October 25 - 26](#)

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Links to Valuable Resources

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

ATTENTION CLINICAL SUBMITTERS TO THE MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY: STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY IMPLEMENTING NEW INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) is in the process of implementing a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) in multiple testing laboratory areas. Specifically, the laboratory areas included in this phase are **ALL** clinical samples with the **EXCEPTION** of Newborn Screening, HIV, Gonorrhea/Chlamydia, and Syphilis tests. The OpenELIS(OE) LIMS will provide the laboratory with improved sample management capability, improved data integrity, and reduced potential for human data entry error. In addition, the system will provide improved reporting capabilities including a web portal that MSPHL submitters can use to view and print their own test results in real time. On **October 2**, the MSPHL plans to "go-live" with the new OE LIMS. Samples submitted after that date should be submitted on the new Test Request Forms that can be accessed on the [Laboratory's website](#). Please discard or recycle all old forms at that time. For more information, please read [MSPHL Clinical LIMS Implementation](#). For more information, please contact the MSPHL at 573-751-3334.

"TOBACCO AT 21" - REDUCING SMOKING AMONG YOUTH WITH POLICY CHANGE

System-level change through public policy is often the most impactful approach for health improvement. Learn about the four key steps that the Trenton, New Jersey Health Team took to successfully enact the youth tobacco policy change (Tobacco 21 ordinance). With support from Conduent Healthy Communities Institute and the Public Goods Project on educational and behavioral change campaigns, Trenton is implementing the "Tobacco at 21" ordinance. Please visit Trenton's [website](#).

ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM WEBSITE CHANGES

The Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program (OWTS) has been busy working with the web group to make their [website](#) easier to navigate by adding two new links to the Program's main webpage. The first is the "[Onsite Wastewater Complaints](#)". This link opens a page that gives a general definition of an OWTS complaint and OWTS authority information by clicking on the appropriate county. The second link is the "[DHSS Construction Permit Process and Application](#)". This link makes it easier to find information regarding the permitting process and the Department of Health and Senior Services OWTS Construction application forms. If you have any suggestions, please contact any of the Program staff at 573-751-6095.

SEEKING STUDY PARTICIPANTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DATA VISUALIZATION

This study aims to understand the effectiveness of a data visualization tool designed to improve understanding of data in public health practice. In an online survey (approximately 20-30 minutes long), you will complete writing tasks and questionnaires about your understanding of a financial dataset, and a few questions about yourself. You may qualify as a participant if you are a director, administrator, program lead, or director of finance, etc. whose position involves program planning, finance, or decision-making in a local or state health department. At the end of the survey, your e-mail will be entered into a drawing for a prize (valued at \$500-\$650) toward the fee for a conference registration of your choice. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Seungeun Park, PhD candidate, University of Washington, at separk@uw.edu. Please feel free to forward this information to your colleagues.

2015 EPIDEMIOLOGIC PROFILE OF VIRAL HEPATITIS

The 2015 Epidemiologic Profile of Viral Hepatitis in Missouri is now available at <http://health.mo.gov/data/hivstdaids/data.php>. This document was designed to increase public and professional awareness of hepatitis C and to drive policies for viral hepatitis prevention, care, and planning. The purpose of the profile is to document, interpret, and frame the dimensions and impact of the epidemic in local terms that can be used to heighten awareness and drive decision making. The development of this new profile was funded in part by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) grant *Building State/Territorial Health Department Capacity to Develop and Utilize Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologic Profiles*. For more information, please contact the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis at 573-751-6439 or the Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics at 573-526-5271.

CONNECT WITH ME CARDS

The Adolescent Health Program has created a deck of conversation cards for parents, guardians, or anyone who works with youth. The Connect with Me cards are designed to help adults start meaningful conversations with teens. The cards include topics ranging from technology, development, mental health, and body image. The Connect with Me cards are a great tool to strengthen the connections and help start meaningful conversations between youth and adults. To learn more or order a free set of cards, please visit health.mo.gov/connect. For more information about the Connect with Me Campaign, please contact Andra Jungmeyer at andra.jungmeyer@health.mo.gov.

MISSOURI MILK, FOOD, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION MERGER

The Merger Committee of the Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association and the Missouri Environmental Health Association has finalized a plan of merger for the two organizations. The plan of merger may be found at www.mmfeha.org/meha. The plan will be placed before the membership in attendance for a vote at the annual business meeting on Thursday, October 5. Members should be prepared to cast a ballot on the plan of merger at that time. The plan of merger will be open for discussion and vote. Please see the [MEHA conference agenda](#).

WIC UPDATES

- Microcuvette and Analyzer Deliveries
- Coding Leave Time within WIC Invoicing System
- FY18 Nutrition Monitoring Form
- National Voter Registration Training
- CEU Corner
- JOB POSTING: Breastfeeding Peer Counselor - Platte County Health Department
- JOB POSTING: WIC Clerk - Platte County Health Department
- JOB POSTING: Nutritionist - City of St. Joseph Health Department

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

CLASS RECRUITMENT OPENING

The following class has been issued with an opening date of **September 19** and a closing and first addition date of **October 3**:

Program Coordinator (Mental Health) (Health and Senior Services)

Interested applicants must apply and be determined eligible for the classification by completing an application at <https://www.ease.mo.gov/>. The above opportunities can be viewed at <http://oa.mo.gov/personnel/classification-specifications/>.

BUREAU OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION REFUGEE HEALTH COORDINATOR

Thelma Myhre, the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention's Refugee Health Coordinator, has left the Department of Health and Senior Services to assume another position. David Oeser will be the interim Refugee Health Coordinator until the position is filled. David can be reached at david.oeser@health.mo.gov or 573-751-6113.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING – October 30 - 31

The Statewide Public Health Meeting will be held October 30 to 31 at the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City **in lieu of the Fall Regional Local Public Health System Meetings**. More information will be coming soon!

DHSS OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES TRAININGS

Please click [here](#) for the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Office of Human Resources training course descriptions and schedule for July through December. Five seats will be reserved for Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) staff, and any other registrants will be placed on a waiting list. To reserve a seat, please contact Human Resources at HumanResourcesTraining@health.mo.gov.

NEBRASKA EBOLA EXPERIENCES: LABORATORY PREPAREDNESS – October 2

The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory is hosting a speaker from Nebraska to discuss experiences at their Biocontainment Unit during the height of the Ebola crisis. Karen G. Stiles, MT (American Society for Clinical Pathology) SM^{CM} will share stories from Nebraska's experience treating Ebola infected patients, how they prepared, what hurdles they encountered, and what has changed since then to prepare for future emerging high consequence pathogens. Please click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

2018 ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE PLANNING MEETING – October 4

Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association will hold a meeting on October 4 to plan the program for the 2018 Annual Education Conference. This meeting will be held at the Inn at Grand Glaize Horseshoe Bend Board Room located at 5142 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Brandy Sheehan at brandy.sheehan@jeffcohealth.org if you plan to join us! If you cannot attend but have suggestions for program topics and/or speakers, please send suggestions to one of the [executive board members](#).

MNPH SOUTHWEST REGION MEETING – October 6

The next meeting of the Missouri Nurses for Public Health (MNPH) Southwest Region will be Friday, October 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Council of Churches Building, 627 N. Glenstone Avenue in Springfield. This meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. with registration open at 9:30 a.m. All nurses are welcome! Speakers from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Special Health Care Needs will be discussing their programs; and a Crosslines Community Resource Specialist will be providing information about their services, as well as a tour of their facility. Come ready to bid on items at our annual silent auction! The proceeds will benefit the community resource fund at Crosslines. Lunch will be provided for \$5 (sub sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, and a drink). Please RSVP to Shelby Sears at ssears@springfieldmo.gov by Friday, **September 29** to let us know you are coming and if you will be purchasing lunch. We look forward to seeing you!

ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM UPCOMING COURSES IN OCTOBER

The next Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Basic Installer course is October 16 to 17, and the OWTS Advanced Installer course is October 18 to 19, both in Jefferson City. Individuals that are interested in these trainings or becoming registered to install, repair, and/or modify OWTS, please fill out the appropriate registration form located at <http://health.mo.gov/living/environment/onsite/appsforms.php>. 2018 Quarterly Installer Course information will be available in December, and will also be published in the Friday Facts. For more information, please contact the Onsite Wastewater Program staff at 573-751-6095.

8TH ANNUAL HEALTH LITERACY MEDIA AND HEALTH LITERACY KANSAS 2017 SUMMIT – October 25 - 26

Please join us in Kansas City on October 25 and 26 for the 8th annual Health Literacy Media and Health Literacy Kansas 2017 Summit. Hundreds of health professionals will gather to build health literacy skills, take part in panel discussions, and learn from state and national leaders in health literacy. The event includes workshops on October 25 and the summit on October 26, both of which will be held at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City. Join us for this fun opportunity to learn and network! [RSVP](#) today! Check out the full conference [schedule](#). We've applied for approval of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Missouri social workers and Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) who attend the summit, a workshop, or both. Please check back soon for updates! For more information regarding contact hours, please contact Jesús Quiñones at jquinones@healthliteracy.media or 314-361-9400.

For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources](#) that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY PLANNER – Butler County Health Department

The Butler County Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Public Health Community Planner. The Planner will work within the Building Communities for Better Health Program to empower communities to work collaboratively to improve chronic disease related health outcomes. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#). Deadline for applications is **October 4**.

RN HOME HEALTH SUPERVISOR - Monroe County Health Department and Home Health Agency

The Monroe County Health Department and Home Health Agency seeks qualified candidates for a full-time Registered Nurse (RN) Home Health Supervisor. Candidates must have a valid Missouri RN license, prior experience working in home health, and leadership and supervisory skills necessary to ensure quality operation within fiscal guidelines. Interested candidates should submit resumes to the Monroe County Health Department/Home Health Agency, 310 North Market, Paris, MO 65275 or paula.delaney@lpha.mo.gov. For more information, please call 660-327-4653. The Monroe County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer.

WIC NUTRITIONIST OR REGISTERED DIETICIAN – Nodaway County Health Department

The Nodaway County Health Department seeks candidates for a part-time WIC Nutritionist or a part-time Registered Dietitian to convey accurate nutrition assessments, assign risk factors, and provide appropriate nutrition and breastfeeding education to all participants according to the state WIC Program policies and procedures. The WIC Nutritionist must have requisite level of coursework and the Registered Dietitian must be currently registered in Missouri. The candidate must be dependable, punctual, and able to work in a team environment. Commitment to excellent customer service is essential. Please submit resume to tompatterson@nodawayhealth.org or Nodaway County Health Department, 2416 South Main St., Maryville, MO 64468. Please call Tom Patterson, Administrator, at 660-562-2755 for more information.

BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR - Platte County Health Department

The Platte County Health Department WIC Clinic seeks candidates for a part-time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor who will work with WIC team members to encourage and support breastfeeding among WIC participants. The Counselor will counsel pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers by telephone and in the WIC office, and teach prenatal and breastfeeding classes with approved lesson plans provided by the WIC Department. Current or previous enrollment in WIC is preferred. This position requires two days of training to become a peer counselor. Please fax resume to 816-587-6028, Attention: WIC Coordinator. Position will be open until filled.

HEALTH EDUCATOR I – Randolph County Health Department

The Randolph County Health Department (RCHD) seeks candidates for a full-time Health Educator I. Please visit the RCHD [website](#) for a [job description](#) and an [application](#). The deadline to apply is **October 2**.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST – Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) seeks candidates for a full-time, non-exempt Epidemiologist. Responsibilities include disease surveillance, data analysis, preparing investigation reports and summaries, emergency response planning, formulate and implement TCHD Continuing Quality Improvement and Performance Management programs. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#). The deadline to apply is **October 6**.

c: Dr. Randall Williams, Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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